



**Whitehorse Legion  
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**Canada Day Celebrations 2020**

The Whitehorse Legion has been the organizing force behind the Canada Day Celebrations in Whitehorse for many years. Our Executive Committee and Canada Day Coordination Committee has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and following the official guidance, directives and protocols as provided by the Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Based on the current medical information on the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the realization that it is not likely to resolve itself in the near future, the Whitehorse Legion has had to make the sad and realistic decision to cancel this years Canada Day Celebrations in Whitehorse scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. There is no way of forecasting when the restrictions on travel or large in-person gatherings will be lifted, making it virtually impossible for us to plan this event.

The current regulations to ensure compliance of personal physical distancing would be impossible to enforce and do not allow for a gathering this large. Ensuring the health and safety of the participants, volunteers, partners, performers, food vendors and spectators is our utmost priority.

The Whitehorse Legion is currently working on putting together a plan to allow Whitehorse to show its civic pride, celebrate Canada Day, and stay safe, as are many communities across Canada. The Federal Government is working on a plan to have a National Canada Day Celebration on on-line or through some virtual forum, which we will endeavour to partake in to show our Yukon Pride. These plans will be unveiled in the coming weeks, once the City and other key players have been briefed and agree.

Thank you for your continued support of the Whitehorse Legion, and we look forward to continuing our community support in these extraordinary and unprecedented times.

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